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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR US PLO
SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON CONTACTS WITH THE PLO

1. THE SECRETARY HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING CIRCULAR TELEGRAMS FOR TRANSMISSION FROM DEPARTMENT WHICH, AS YOU WILL RECALL, WAS DRAFTED BEFORE OUR DEPARTURE BY TOM CAROLAN. IT HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH HABIB AND, I BELIEVE, WITH IO ALTHOUGH YOU MAY WANT TO CHECK THIS TO MAKE SURE.

2. BEING TEXT:

E.O.: GDS
TAGS: PFOR US PLO
SUBJ: GUIDANCE RE U.S. OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH THE PLO

ACTION: ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS

1. SEVERAL RECENT CASES HAVE COME TO DEPT'S ATTENTION OF APPROACHES TO U.S. OFFICIALS ABROAD BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATIO (PLO). IN VIEW OF THIS, WE BELIEVE IT USEFUL TO REMIND ADDRESSEE POSTS OF LONGSTANDING U.S. POLICY REGARDING CONTACTS BETWEEN U.S. OFFICIALS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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PERSONS REPRESENTING THE PLO.

2. AS DEPT SPOKESMEN HAVE STATED ON MANY OCCASIONS OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS, OUR STANDING PLICY IS FOR U.S. OFFICIALS TO UNDERTAKE NO RPT NO DIRECT, SUBSTANTIVE CONTACTS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PLO. THIS POLICY APPLIES EQUALLY TO DIRECT, SUBSTANTIVE CONTACTS WITH MEMBERS OF THE PLO'S CONSTITUENT

ORGANIZATIONS, NOTABLY SUCH FEDAYEEN GROUPINGS AS FATAH, THE POPULAR DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PDFLP), THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PFLP), ET AL.

3. SHOULD BE NOTED IN THIS REGARD THAT OUR OVERALL ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PLO HAS NOT RPT NOT CHANGED. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO DECLINE TO DEAL WITH THE PLO AS LONG AS THE PLO DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL AND AS LONG AS THE PLO DOES NOT ACCEPT U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. ACCORDINGLY, U.S. OFFICIALS ABROAD SHOULD AVOID ANY ACTION THAT MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS A DEPARTURE FROM OR RELAXATION OF THIS GENERAL POLICY.

4. CLEARLY, SITUATIONS ARE LIKELY TO ARISE FROM TIME TO TIME IN WHICH NON-SUBSTANTIVE CONTACTS BETWEEN U.S. OFFICIALS AND PLO REPRESENTATIVES ARE NECESSARY AND, INDEED, UNAVOIDABLE. (EXAMPLES OF SUCH CONTACTS ARE THOSE WHICH HAVE OCCURRED AT THE UN ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND SECURITY MATTERS AFFECTING THE PLO OBSERVER DELEGATION IN NEW YORK, AS WELL AS THOSE WHICH TOOK PLACE IN BEIRUT IN 1976 IN CONNECTION WITH OUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL EVACUATION OF U.S. AND OTHER FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM OR THROUGH PLO-CONTROLLED TERRITORY IN LEBANON.) IN THE EVENT THAT ADDRESSEE POSTS FIND THEMSELVES CONFRONTED WITH SITUATIONS OF THIS KIND, THEY SHOULD APPRISE DEPT OF THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED AND REQUEST GUIDANCE ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM.

5. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT U.S. OFFICIALS ABROAD CANNOT
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ENTIRELY AVOID SOCIAL CONTACT ON AN OCCASIONAL, UNPLANNED BASIS WITH PERSONS WHO TURN OUT TO HAVE SOME OFFICIAL CONNECTION WITH THE PLO. IN INADVERTENT SITUATIONS OF THIS KIND, IN WHICH THEIR EFFORTS TO AVOID CASUAL CONTACTS WITH SUCH PERSONS WOULD RUN COUNTER TO UNIVERSALLY OBSERVED SOCIAL AMENITIES, U.S. OFFICIALS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT OVERREACT. THEY SHOULD CONDUCT THEMSELVES AS COMMON SENSE AND COURTESY DICTATE, BEING CAREFUL TO ESCHEW PROLONGED AND/OR SUBSTANTIVE DISCOURSE WITH PLO REPRESENTATIVES.

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